

# LIPSCOMB REPORT

1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

SUMMER/FALL 2015



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### APPOINTMENTS

Milwaukee County Research Park  
Corporation Board

Milwaukee Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
(Financial Secretary)

Wisconsin Counties Association  
Board of Directors

### PARK GROUPS IN THE 1ST DISTRICT

Join a Friends group,  
make a difference at your Park.  
Visit online or email for more info.

#### Doctors Park Friends

[www.doctorsparkfriends.org](http://www.doctorsparkfriends.org)  
[info@doctorsparkfriends.org](mailto:info@doctorsparkfriends.org)

#### Friends of Kletzsch Park

[www.kletzschrifts.org](http://www.kletzschrifts.org)  
[info@kletzschrifts.org](mailto:info@kletzschrifts.org)

#### Friends of Lincoln Park

[www.facebook.com/  
LincolnParkFriends](http://www.facebook.com/LincolnParkFriends)  
[lincolnparkinfo@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnparkinfo@gmail.com)

#### Smith Park

Interested in joining a friends group?  
Call Chairman Lipscomb's  
office at (414) 278-4280.

### Dear Friends,

Last month my colleagues elected me Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. It is truly humbling and an honor to be chosen to serve in this new role. I take on this responsibility with a strong commitment and vision to effect positive change in Milwaukee County.

The County Board is experiencing strange and tumultuous times. We have faced harsh attacks from forces in Madison that limit local control and the democratic process, and are likely to face more changes ahead. Yet, despite these challenges, we continue to set policies that make Milwaukee County a better place.

As the new Chairman, I believe it is important that the County Board continues to enhance the quality of life in Milwaukee County. I want to ensure that this legislative body will always remain accessible and accountable to our constituents, because it is your voice we represent.

Very soon we will begin working on the 2016 County Budget. As in years past, I will fight for a budget that balances the needs of vital services and important investments with a responsible tax levy. We have much work ahead, much to accomplish, but together we can make Milwaukee County the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.  
Milwaukee County Board Chairman  
County Supervisor, 1st District

### E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP

If you would like to receive  
periodic updates on County news  
and events in our community,  
sign up for my e-newsletter at:  
[www.milwaukee.gov/Lipscomb](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Lipscomb)

## Lipscomb Supports Parks and Transit

Several months ago the independently elected Comptroller notified the County Board of a budget surplus for this year. The projected County surplus and reserve is expected to top \$50 million by the end of 2015. This is great news and a direct result of the County Board passing a responsible budget in past years.

Chairman Lipscomb successfully proposed that the County reinvest just 15 percent of the surplus amount into our parks, transit and employees, leaving a remaining balance that is well in excess of historic averages. \$5 million will go to cash finance much-needed parks improvements and \$1.5 million will go to Transit Signal Priority, which increases the speed of our county buses for faster commutes. Lastly, a portion will give employees a modest cost of living increase of 1.5 percent. Much of the surplus funds have come from savings on employee benefits.

These are important investments to make now. They will help restore our parks, get people to work more efficiently and help Milwaukee County recruit and retain the best and the brightest to serve our community.

## Farmers Markets in the 1st District



#### Fox Point Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
June 20 - October 17, 2015  
7301 N. Lombardy Rd.  
(Stormonth School west parking lot)

#### Brown Deer Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
June 10 - October 18, 2015  
6700 W. Brown Deer Rd.  
(American TV Parking Lot)

## 1ST DISTRICT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Not only are our Milwaukee County Parks nationally renowned, they serve as one of our greatest local resources. Over the years, Chairman Lipscomb has fought to maintain and improve our parks system both County-wide and, most particularly, within the 1st District that he is proud to represent. Here are some of the great parks projects happening in the 1st District.

### Oak Leaf Trail Extension

Milwaukee County Parks is currently working to complete Phase 4 of the Oak Leaf Trail extension and the connection of the Oak Leaf Trail to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. The extension, which utilizes an abandoned railroad right-of-way and spans from Estabrook Park to Sydney Place, is expected to be complete this year.



*ABOVE: The railroad trestle in Lincoln Park extends over the Milwaukee River. The county bought this right-of-way, which is being converted into a new section of the Oak Leaf Trail.*



*RIGHT: An access point to the trail is located near the intersection of N. Milwaukee River Parkway and W. Lawn Ave.*

### Lincoln Park Futsal Court

Futsal, like soccer, is a sport of the masses and is quickly growing in popularity within North America. Recently, former tennis courts have been converted into futsal courts in Los Angeles as a way to get young boys and girls off the streets and to create a positive environment that can help unify a community.

The Milwaukee Parks Department received a proposal from Wisconsin Sports Group ([www.wisconsinssportsgroup.com](http://www.wisconsinssportsgroup.com)) for the same program here, starting with the tennis courts in Lincoln Park. The idea is to turn a seldom used surface into a mecca of sports education along with building life skills.



*Theo spoke at the future site of the Lincoln Park Futsal Court. The children below tested the current site with their own rousing game of futsal.*





## Milwaukee River Sediment Clean-Up

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Milwaukee County Parks Department are working with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the Phase II clean-up of contaminated sediments and restoration of the Milwaukee River banks in Lincoln Park.



The map above shows several of the zones targeted for clean-up and restoration along the Milwaukee River in Lincoln Park. Clean-up is complete for Zones 3 and 7, and has now begun for Zone 4, located south of Hampton Ave., which can be seen in the photos at left. Zone 5 will be targeted last.



## Milwaukee River Parkway Reconstruction: Bender to Good Hope

Chairman Lipscomb fought, over the veto of the County Executive, to ensure that the stretch of Milwaukee River Parkway from Bender Rd. to Good Hope Rd. receives the reconstruction that it so desperately needs.

In addition to providing a new roadway, the County will implement strategies to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, slow vehicular traffic, provide updated lighting and provide green infrastructure wherever possible.

Substantial completion of the Parkway is anticipated this year. The project completion date per bid contract conditions is November 20, 2015.



## Doctors Park Pavilion

The pavilion in Doctors Park is slated for replacement. The new building will be similar to the new Lindbergh Park restrooms and shelter (see picture above) and include a 24' x 24' covered pavilion attached to the structure. Construction in spring of 2016 is expected.



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## Smith Park Concert



Theo enjoyed the Smith Park concert with his wife, three children and mother-in-law. The concert is a free event that takes place every year.

## National Night Out in Lincoln Park



FAR LEFT: Chairman Lipscomb spoke at the opening of National Night Out in Lincoln Park. National Night Out is an annual nationwide event to help promote community safety.

NEAR LEFT: Chairman Lipscomb and State Senator Lena Taylor joined forces to bring National Night Out to their community.

## Chairman Lipscomb invites you to enjoy FREE Milwaukee County attractions!



524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee  
(414) 257-5611  
[www.milwaukeedomes.org](http://www.milwaukeedomes.org)

Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for Milwaukee County residents. Excludes major holidays.



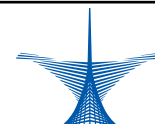
10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee  
(414) 256-5412  
[www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)

2015 Free Days: 10/10, 11/7, 12/5, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day.



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(414) 278-2728 • [www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu)

Kohl's Thank You Thursdays:  
Free to all the first Thursday of every month. County residents get \$2 off every day. Remaining 2015 Free Dates: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM  
700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee  
(414) 224-3200 • [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

Target Free First Thursday:  
Free the first Thursday of every month for all visitors.